

# MEET OUR GOVERNORS

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## **Elaine El-Essawy – Chair of Governors – Co-opted**

I am Elaine El-Essawy your Chair of Governors. I have had the privilege and the great pleasure to serve as a Governor at George Eliot for many years. I feel a strong connection to our school and am committed to ensuring that our pupils have the very best experience possible. I have five children all of whom have attended George Eliot at some stage in their lives. I have seen our school change and grow over the years and am looking forward to a successful future with new targets and challenges.



## **Robert Allan – Vice-chair of Governors - LA**

Robert has been a Local Authority Governor (appointed to the Governing Body by the Local Authority) for about 3 years. He is a retired solicitor and in addition to being Vice-chair is also a member of the Resources and Curriculum committee. Robert also volunteers as a visiting University lecturer and is on the steering committees of a free legal Advice Centre.



## **Naomi Leaver – Executive Headteacher**

I have over 20 years' experience in education in a variety of settings including mainstream and specialist provision. In 2013, I completed my training as a registered OFSTED inspector. I have had seconded roles with the local authority and worked with schools, across the Tri-borough, requiring support. I have been the Head teacher of Robinsfield, another Westminster school, since 2009. I am delighted that George Eliot and Robinsfield can work closely in partnership to ensure the best possible education for all of our wonderful children.



## **Jennifer Butler – Staff Governor**

Jenny joined George Eliot in September 2014 as Assistant Headteacher. Over a nine year teaching career, Jenny has worked as a class teacher, subject leader and middle leader in two other primary schools before joining GEPS. As staff governor, she has relished the opportunity to work closely with the governing body in its support of the leadership and staff of the school.



## **Kris Murari – Co-opted Governor**

Kris has considerable experience in international finance, marketing and people management. He has been CEO of international banks for over 35 years, in more than 10 countries around the world. He is also actively involved with the national community organisations like the Prince's Trust, Victim Support and Islington People's Rights. Mr Murari was an LEA governor for George Eliot Infant School from year 2000 till its amalgamation with the George Eliot Primary School in 2011 and has been a governor of George Eliot Primary ever since.



### **Nick Novak – Co-opted Governor**

Nick lives locally and is a community governor. With over 13 years experience in education technology, Nick specialises in working with schools, organisations and local governments to deploy innovative, data-driven solutions at scale. He is currently a member of the leadership team at a local education organisation.



### **Jo Nussbaum – Co-opted Governor**

Jo became a co-opted governor at George Eliot in March 2014 and is currently chair of the Children, Families and Community Committee. She was born in Islington and after studying Theology at Exeter University she returned to London as a communications consultant.



### **Paul Perkins – Co-opted Governor**

Paul has been a governor at George Eliot since October 2013. He runs The Winch, a children and young people's charity in North Camden, and lectures in youth and community work. He is a Trustee for mentoring charity Scene & Heard and has lived locally for 12 years.



### **Suleiman Osman – Parent Governor**

I am thrilled to be elected as parent governor at George Eliot Primary School. Three of my children are attending and one finished last year. They have had a great time since they started attending from nursery and I have been around many years at the school. I have seen many changes that our school has been through. This is my school as well as my children's school and I am delighted to be part of the Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion team who are making sure that the school provides, gives the children the best education and also success at the end of their primary school. I have been actively involved in education for many years. I was the founder of a community organisation which is still running and provides after school clubs for many years that help many children and helping other people as well as been the board of director of charity organisations for many years.



### **Susan Jacobs – Clerk to the Governing Body**

Susan is responsible for advising on legal aspects of the governing body's role, arranging and preparing documents for meetings, maintaining records and attending and writing minutes of meetings.

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